

Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent actions have illustrated the dangers to localism caused by media consolidation.

They also illustrate the dangers of de-regulation and consolidation within the media industry. The Kerry smear previously planned to air on all 62 Sinclair stations is the perfect example of media outlet pursuing its' own political issues to the detriment of the American public and the upcoming presidential election.

I urge you to not continue Sinclair's request for continuance of its Maryland licenses.

Further, I think that the "revised " program will still be nothing more than a shortened version of the original 1 sided program, & wish Sinclair could be restricted from showing it on public airwaves which they use for free.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.